

# **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) CIVIL ENGINEER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?**

- Illinois residents not currently employed by IDOT
- High school graduates or equivalent
- Students admitted to or enrolled in select Illinois pre-engineering and civil engineering programs
- High school and undergraduate students possessing a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or 3.125 on a 5.0 scale)
- Graduate students must possess a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or 3.75 on a 5.0 scale)

### **Are college juniors and seniors eligible?**

Yes. Any student that meets the requirements is eligible.

### **Is this scholarship available to students pursuing degrees in other disciplines?**

No. This particular scholarship is only available to students seeking a degree in Civil Engineering.

### **How do candidates apply for the scholarship?**

Interested candidates may apply by visiting the website at:

[http://diversity.dot.illinois.gov/civil\\_engineering\\_scholarship\\_Program.aspx](http://diversity.dot.illinois.gov/civil_engineering_scholarship_Program.aspx)

### **How much are the scholarship awards?**

Awards may be up to \$7,500 annually.

### **Are recipients required to work for IDOT full time after graduation?**

Yes. If employment at IDOT is offered, recipients must work for IDOT one (1) year for each year the scholarship was awarded.

### **Are there summer employment opportunities available to scholarship recipients?**

IDOT may offer summer employment in an engineering related position for scholarship recipients as long as they remain eligible for scholarship renewal. If offered, recipients are required to accept employment for at least two (2) summers.

### **How will the scholarship funds be distributed?**

Funds will be distributed to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled.

### **How many years is a scholarship recipient eligible to receive the award?**

Previous recipients may seek renewal by submitting a renewal request along with their fall and spring semester grade reports by July 1 of each year for up to five (5) years, with up to two (2) years of graduate school.

### **What is the deadline to submit the scholarship materials?**

Applications are no longer being accepted for the 2011-2012 academic year. Please check back for future application deadlines.

### **Can the application and supporting documents be submitted online or e-mailed?**

Yes. Applications can be submitted at [http://diversity.dot.illinois.gov/civil\\_engineering\\_scholarship\\_program.aspx](http://diversity.dot.illinois.gov/civil_engineering_scholarship_program.aspx). However, supporting documents must be submitted by mail to the following address:

Illinois Department of Transportation  
Diversity Recruitment and Outreach Office  
Civil Engineer Scholarship Administrator  
Harry Hanley Building, Room 339A  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois 62764